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THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1888.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £3,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL 500,000.
Registered Office, 40, THREADNEEDLE STREET,
LONDON.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT
buys and sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS FOR
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL
BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the
BALANCES of such claims, purchased on
advantageous terms.

AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager,
HONGKONG BRANCH.

HONGKONG AND SHANGAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND 4,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS 7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
CHAIRMAN—Hon. JOHN BELL-IRVING.
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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W. G. BRODIE, Esq. J. S. MOSE, Esq.
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HONGKONG—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER,
SHANGAI—EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND
COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT
the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the
daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities,
and every description of BANKING, and
EXCHANGE business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief
commercial places in Europe, India, Australia,
America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1888.

RULES
OF THE
HONGKONG SAVINGS
BANK.

THE BUSINESS of the above BANK
will be conducted by the HONGKONG
AND SHANGAI BANKING
CORPORATION, on their premises in
Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-
DAYS, 10 to 1; SATURDAYS, 10 to 1.

2.—SUMS LESS THAN \$1, OR MORE THAN
\$250 at one time will not be received. No
Depositor may deposit more than \$2,500
in any one year.

3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK,
having \$100 or more, at their credit may at
their option transfer the same to the HONG-
KONG AND SHANGAI BANKING
CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12
months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—INTEREST at the rate of 3½ % per
annum will be allowed to Depositors on
their daily balances.

5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis
with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented with
each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries them-
selves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send
them to be written up at least twice a year,
about the beginning of January and
beginning of July.

6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business
of the Bank, if marked ON HONGKONG
SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be
forwarded free by the various British Post
Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand,
but the personal attendance of the
Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his PASS-BOOK, are
necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1888.

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NOTICE.
HONGKONG & WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS
are respectfully informed that, if upon
their arrival in this HARBOUR none of the
COMPANY'S FOREMEN should be at hand,
ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, if sent to the HEAD
OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive
prompt attention.

In the event of complaints being found
necessary, communication with the Undersigned
is requested, when immediate steps will be taken
to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1888.

Intimations.

PIANOS FOR SALE.

PIANOS ON HIRE.

A. HAHN,
PIANO TUNER AND REPAIRER.

O WING to the increasing patronage to the HANOI Tuning Department of my business, I am obliged to give up "Store-keeping" from the 1st of September next. During this month of August, I will, therefore, SELL at REDUCED PRICES ALL BRASS, WIND, and STRING INSTRUMENTS, etc. Special arrangements have been made for the SALE of TOYS and FANCY GOODS at an average price of 50 cents cash. The Store will be kept open daily till 8 P.M.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1888.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR SPORTING GEAR FOR THIS SEASON.

FOWLING-PIECES 12 and 16 Bore.

DUCK GUNS.

ALLIANCE SPORTING POWDER.

ELEY'S CARTRIDGE CASES, WADES, &c.

LOADING and RE-CAPPING MACHINES.

CARTRIDGE BAGS and BELTS.

CHILLED and COMMON SHOT in all Numbers.

SHOOTING BOOTS and KNICKER-BOCKER STOCKING.

WATER-PROOF RUGS.

DOG WHISTLES, WHIPS and COLLARS.

PICNIC STORES

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1888.

Insurances.

THE NEGLECT OF LIFE ASSURANCE.

THERE is no feature of our civilised life that strikes a thoughtful man with more force than the neglect of LIFE ASSURANCE. By payment of a small quarterly subscription any man of good health can secure a very large sum to his family in case of premature death, yet hundreds of families brought up in comfort—perhaps in luxury—are left in extreme poverty every year, from the bread winner having neglected to assure his life. In the East many a man lives up to his income, knowing well that if death cut him off suddenly, his wife and children would be left almost wholly unprovided for. All this can be prevented by Life Assurance.

EVERY FACILITY

In connection with Life Assurance Business
is afforded by

THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,
one of the largest and wealthiest of the Provident
Institutions of the United Kingdom. Forms of
application and all information will be promptly
afforded on application to any of the Standard
Company's Agents, or to

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.,
Agents, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 29th June, 1888. [659]

STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.



HONGKONG CONSULTING COMMITTEE:
F. SEP, Esq., Messrs. ED. SCHELLHASS & Co.
E. L. REUTER, Esq., Messrs. PUSTAU & Co.

HEAD OFFICE, SINGAPORE.

STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
Subscribed Capital \$3,000,000
Paid Up Capital 600,000
Reserve Fund 85,000

THE above Company is accepting MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World at
CURRENT RATES.

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.
Subscribed Capital \$2,000,000
Paid Up Capital 400,000

THIS Company is prepared to Issue
POLICIES against FIRE on Foreign and
Native Houses, Godowns and their contents, at
CURRENT RATES.

All Contributors of Business in the above Two
Companies participate in the Bonus whether
Shareholders or not.

JOHN ANDREW,
Agent,
Office, 24, Queen's Road,
Opposite Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1888. [710]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL, SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary,
HEAD OFFICE, NO. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [150]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL TO \$33,333.33-
RESERVE FUND \$240,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEW SING, Esq. LO YEK MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [877]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

STEAM TO STRAITS, COLOMBO
AND BOMBAY.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"KASHGAR"

will leave for the above place on SATURDAY,

the 1st September, at NOON.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1888. [840]

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI
AND KOBE.

(PASSING THROUGH THE INLAND SEA)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BOKHARA"

will leave for the above places on or about the
5th September.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1888. [13]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"ANCONA"

will leave for the above place about 24 hours
after her arrival with the outward English
Mail.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1888. [13]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA
(FLORIO AND RUBATTINO
UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY

having connexion with Company's Mail
Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MESSINA, NAPLES (LEGHORN) and
GENOA; all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC,
LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS
up to CALLOAO. Taking cargo at through
rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.
THE Company's Steamship

"BORMIDA,"

Captain De Negri, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 1st inst., at NOON.

At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in
Prince's Docks.

For further particulars regarding Freight and
Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1888. [828]

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Spanish Steamer

"DON JUAN,"

Captain R. Beltran, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 1st instant, at 4 P.M.

At Manila the Steamers are discharging in
Prince's Docks.

INITIATIONS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

GARDEN SEEDS.

SEASON 1888-9.

THE following SEEDS required for immediate Sowing
CAN BE SUPPLIED AT ONCE:

CELERI, CYCLAMEN, AND CINERARIA.

Our First Shipment of Assorted VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS has arrived, and will be ready for delivery in a day or two.

Catalogues and Gardening Notes Free on application:

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
From 17th August 1888

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertising, &c., be addressed to "The Manager, Hongkong Telegraph," and that all other correspondence relating to the publication of editorial matter be sent to "The Editor" and to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open to receive communications, it is the duty of all questions concerning public interests, it must be distinctly understood, that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this day's issue not later than Three o'clock so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until demanded.

The Hongkong Telegraph has the largest circulation of any newspaper in the colony. Terms can be learnt on application.

The Hongkong Telegraph number at the Telephone Central Exchange is No. 1.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Suscribers to The Hongkong Telegraph are respectfully reminded that all Subscriptions are payable in advance.

Telegraph

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1888.

Our readers will regret to learn that news has reached the colony to the effect that, owing to continued ill health, Sir GEORGE PHILLIPPO has resigned his position as Chief Justice of Hongkong. We do not imagine that this intelligence will prove a great surprise, as it was generally anticipated when Sir GEORGE PHILLIPPO left here, that he would never return. A better or more trustworthy judge never sat on the bench of the Hongkong Supreme Court. He made mistakes—*onere est humana*—but they were few and far between, and so far as his high and responsible position would admit, he was everybody's friend. When the report of his retirement has been confirmed, the question will arise—Who shall be his successor? The Hongkong community should speak to the Government in no uncertain terms on that point. Mr. JAMES RUSSELL, the present Acting Chief Justice, has been in Hongkong for twenty-three years; he has filled every position that he has held with credit to himself and satisfaction to the colony; he is a capable Chinese scholar, and his practical knowledge of Chinese manners and customs, especially as regards Hongkong, is unequalled. The Acting Chief Justice is a sound lawyer, and he has always upheld the dignity of the Bench without infringing on the rights of Justice. He has throughout his whole official career occupied an entirely independent position, and by so doing has won the esteem and confidence of the entire community. We are, of course, aware that Mr. RUSSELL holds a comparatively minor position on the Colonial Office list for such an important and lucrative appointment as the Chief Justiceship of Hongkong; but the time has gone past when the taxpayers of a British colony are to be saddled against their wishes with the more or less useless and incompetent hangers-on and nominees of some influential Jack-in-office. A Judge of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, to be thoroughly efficient, must know the Chinese vernacular and have had a lengthy experience of Chinese criminals. Without these qualifications he is likely to prove worse than useless. And we really have never been able to recognise why this colony should have imposed on it a crowd of expensive political nonentities, appointed by official favor, whose merits are never found out until they retire on a handsome pension, and then are universally known to be an unknown quantity. The legitimate successor of Sir GEORGE PHILLIPPO is Mr. JAMES RUSSELL, an old and tried servant of the colony, and we trust that the unofficial members of the Legislative Council, who are supposed to represent the public, will lose no time in making their views known to the Secretary of State, through His Excellency the Governor. The colony cannot afford to lose Mr. RUSSELL's special abilities at a time when they are needed so badly, and the only way to ensure his matured experience for years to come is to urge on Lord KNUTSFORD as strongly as possible his undoubted claims to the Chief Justiceship, his past unrivalled services, and the extreme likelihood of his unequalled knowledge of Chinese affairs being urgently required within the next few years.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Dutch Government has signified its adhesion to the Suez Canal Convention, which has now received the approval of all the Powers.

We are informed by the agent of the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Poseidon* left Singapore yesterday for this port.

The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. courteously informs us that the steamship *Anconia*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port yesterday at 2 p.m.

Messrs. Butterfield & Swire inform us that the Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Daridanus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon, and may be expected on the 5th prox.

We note from the *Straits Times* that H.M.S. *Orion*, under orders from the British Government, was to leave Singapore on Saturday last, with Sir Hugh Low on board as Commissioner, to proclaim a British protectorate over Brunei.

The last mail from the Congo brings news of the death of Mr. Deane, the Englishman who, as chief of the Stanley Falls Station, defended it against an overwhelming force of Arabs and succeeded in effecting a retreat. He was killed during an elephant hunt near Lukoloka by an elephant whose tusk pierced his neck.

The City of Philadelphia, which went ashore on the Olson bank after leaving Iloilo for New York on the 14th inst., succeeded in getting afloat with the assistance of a steamer, after about 450 tons of cargo had been discharged. The vessel on being surveyed at Iloilo, was found to be uninjured, and would again proceed to sea after re-shipping her discharged cargo.

Our Macao correspondent informs us to-day that the re-elected Corporation took charge of the municipal affairs of Macao yesterday at 2.30 p.m., and proceeded at once to draft out a representation to the King of Portugal, protesting against the arbitrary conduct of Governor da Costa in dissolving the *Senado*, and requesting His Majesty to disapprove of the dissolution. The Government *Gazette* will appear to-day, with the Governor's decree dissolving the re-elected Corporation and appointing another Commission to take charge of the *Senado*, pending a second election. His Excellency deserves unqualified thanks for all this uninterrupted service. Another soldier died yesterday at the Cacilhas lazarette. It is now a recognised fact that the transport *India* left Macao with cholera germs on board; for besides the two African patients who were shipped from the hospital, it has been ascertained that two cases of cholera had occurred on board the transport while she was lying abreast of the Kowloon Dockyard in Hongkong harbour. Dr. Marques was sent by Commander Gusman to attend to the patients; one of these died before the Doctor's arrival; the other, who was promptly taken in hand, ultimately recovered. When the *India* went to Macao to ship the contingent of soldiers for Timor and Lisbon, Governor da Costa must have been informed of these facts. Why was the transport allowed to take in passengers before she was thoroughly quarantined and disinfected? The officers of the Macao battalion and of the Police Force are going to make a suitable demonstration in honour of Major Vaquinhas. A requiem mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral.

One of the most unpardonable nuisances with which this colony is afflicted is the indiscriminate way in which night-soil is carried about town during the small hours. In the central portion of the town the stench produced by the ineffective, impure and highly objectionable method of removing the city's refuse, is something abominable. Why should the Sanitary Board allow this nightly process of infection we know not; but are strongly inclined to believe that most of the fever, small-pox and other disorders which are occasionally prevalent in the thickly populated quarters of the town owe their origin and their dissemination to our highly defective system of night-soil removal. From one o'clock in the morning until sunrise the streets of Victoria may be said to be literally bathed in a thick, malodorous and disease-breeding exhalation, sufficient in intensity and in foulness to drive away all the army of ghosts and evil spirits which are said to hover about a sleeping city in the dead of night. Any one returning home or going out at a late hour, is both a witness and a victim to the sickening scenes which nightly occur along the streets of the central portion of the town; residents in the central quarters cannot, in this sultry weather, keep their windows open during the night; in a word, the city undergoes a nightly process of fecal infection, which is a disgrace to the Sanitary Board as well as to the Government authorities under whose supervision and control that Board is supposed to exist. We are told that the night-soil is removed out of town; we do not question the removal, but the manner of it. Surely some deodorising process could be adopted before the refuse is transferred to the imperfectly covered buckets, and buckets could be constructed under such heretical conditions as to preclude the exhalation of their contents! The night-soil carriers are not over-curious as to whose olfactory organs they offend, their own nasal sensibilities being probably blunted by a constant inhalation of the noxious fluid. We were lately witnesses of a new system in which some of the over-worked satirically expose their own nasal sensibilities being probably blunted by a constant inhalation of the noxious exhalation which would burst forth from that locality under the first rays of an August sun, and the cause of sickness in the neighbourhood will be easily understood. The authorities concerned should at once put a stop to this most dangerous and unsatisfactory state of things.

We learn from Manila that the British barque *Australia*, which went aground on the San Nicolas shoal, was successfully floated off on the 20th inst., with the assistance of the steam tugs *Felicia* and *Bawan*. The *Australia* was subsequently towed to Canacao Bay, Cavite, where she now lies at anchor; after discharging her cargo of coal her bottom will be surveyed, and any repairs proceeded with.

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The case of the blind collier, Adam Bate, at Bilston, whose eyesight is reported to have been suddenly restored by a flash of lightning, is said to be a remarkable instance of the power of lightning to restore sight. The London *Daily News*, not altogether without parallel in medical works, it will remind readers of Hove's "Every Day Book" of the apparently authentic story known as the "Somers Town Miracle," which tells how an elderly man who had suffered from paralysis of the limbs for years suddenly dropped his crutches at the approach of a mad bull in a narrow way, vaulted over a high fence, and thenceforth walked for the remainder of his days without extraneous aid of any kind. It was of course the high mental excitement and consequent supreme nervous effort that had enabled him thus to shake off paralysis. Bate's case, if it is correctly reported, was probably due partly to these causes and partly to the stimulating influence of the lightning on the optic nerve. Curiously enough, it was "excess of light" that originally plunged the Bilston collier into darkness. On the 3rd of December last an accidental explosion of blasting powder completely destroyed one of his eyes and deprived him of the sight of the other. According to his narrative, Bate, who is a young man of twenty-six, was returning home on Tuesday night from Millfields, Ealing, accompanied by a younger brother, Enoch, who was leading him. A terrific thunderstorm was raging, and he remarked to his brother that he should like once more to see the lightning. At that moment he saw light through his spectacles, and he remarked to his brother, "Enoch, do you see it in my glasses?" Just as he had uttered these words the thunder broke over their heads in a heavy peal, and he was again saying to his brother, "Enoch, I see light," when a piercing sonation passed from the eye to the back of the head. The pain remained a short time only, and then he told his brother that he was able to see indistinctly the objects near to him. On Wednesday, as it was reported, his sight had so far returned to him that he was able to walk about the town without a guide.

We learn that the house and property at the Peak belonging to Sir George Phillipps has been purchased by Mr. H. N. Mody for the sum of \$42,000.

The Victoria R. C. Annual Aquatic Sports will commence to-morrow afternoon at 4 p.m. There are eight events on the programme and some excellent swimming is anticipated.

ACCORDING to a telegram in a Saigon contemporary, M. Le Myre de Vilars, who will be well remembered as Governor-general of French Cochinchina, has been appointed a grand Officer of the Legion of Honour.

"Snow" pidgin would seem to be a remunerative business in Japan. We read that a theatrical company with a capital of 30,000 yen is to be established in Kyoto, where there are already eleven theatres carrying on business in active rivalry.

We are informed that the first shoot for the Hongkong Rifle Association's Spoon Competition at 600 yards will take place on Saturday, the 1st September 1888, commencing at 5 p.m. Martini-Henry Carbines allowed 2 points in the seven shots. Paper sights may be used on back sights of Carbines only.

THE Prince of Wales has given it as his opinion that the statue of Venus recently unearthed at the Indian village of Subiaco is "the perfection of feminine contour and physical symmetry." That settles it. It is generally believed that "Tummy" knows what he's talking about.

SAYS THE ALTA CALIFORNIA:—"Colonel Mosby has written an open letter to Secretary Bayard to complain of being dismissed from the Hongkong Consulship for insubordination. The tone of the letter confirms the propriety of the dismissal." It is scarcely necessary to say that the *Alta* is a confirmed supporter of the Democratic party.

THE KOBE YUSHIN NIPPON says that an extraordinary specimen of obesity is now being exhibited at the Ebisu Theatre, near the Kusunoki Temple. This phenomenon is a girl said to be 13 years and 9 months old, over 8 shaku in height and weighing 35 kwamme. [1 shaku is equal to about 11.93 inches, and 1 kwamme to about 8.28 lbs.]

SELDOM has the Macao semi-official organ, the *Independent*, shown itself so plainly in its true chameleon colours as in its issue of the 28th inst. Our abject contemporary—which is, in no sense of the word, a newspaper—has never revealed its spirit of mean subservience to the powers that rule and ruin the Holy City in a more emphatic manner than in the number we have before us.

The grave sanitary situation of Macao is treated as a mere matter of ordinary occurrence; the introduction of cholera lazarettes within the city is supported, simply because it was a measure enacted by the Governor; the deaths which occurred at Cacilhas are attributed to excesses committed by the inmates of the lazarettes;

Major Vaquinhas' sad fate only finds a few lines in a paragraph on the third page of the paper; the dissolution of the Municipal Chamber by a despotic Governor is actually upheld as a just measure; His Excellency's recent interference with the rights of the electors,—a fact vouchsafed for and testified to by eye-witnesses,—is flatly denied, and the re-election of the members of the old Chamber is attacked on grounds which will not bear a moment's investigation. We think Governor da Costa can well say with Johnson—"Oh! save me from my friends!" That his advisers have precipitated him into the mire in which he now wallows, there can be no doubt; that an atrocious and lying organ of public flattery has done him an incalculable amount of harm by praising his notorious misdeeds, his erratic system of administration, and his spirit of revenge and *mauvaise* spise, is equally certain. The hope of many a resident of the neighbouring colony is that the *Independent*'s false assertions may be threshed out by a strictly independent organ of public opinion, fearless and truthful enough to tell Senhor da Costa that he has deviated from the path of his duty and is leading the colony he was sent to govern to a premature wreck.

THE case of the blind collier, Adam Bate, at Bilston, whose eyesight is reported to have been suddenly restored by a flash of lightning, is said to be a remarkable instance of the power of lightning to restore sight. The London *Daily News*, not altogether without parallel in medical works, it will remind readers of Hove's "Every Day Book" of the apparently authentic story known as the "Somers Town Miracle," which tells how an elderly man who had suffered from paralysis of the limbs for years suddenly dropped his crutches at the approach of a mad bull in a narrow way, vaulted over a high fence, and thenceforth walked for the remainder of his days without extraneous aid of any kind. It was of course the high mental excitement and consequent supreme nervous effort that had enabled him thus to shake off paralysis. Bate's case, if it is correctly reported, was probably due partly to these causes and partly to the stimulating influence of the lightning on the optic nerve. Curiously enough, it was "excess of light" that originally plunged the Bilston collier into darkness. On the 3rd of December last an accidental explosion of blasting powder completely destroyed one of his eyes and deprived him of the sight of the other. According to his narrative, Bate, who is a young man of twenty-six, was returning home on Tuesday night from Millfields, Ealing, accompanied by a younger brother, Enoch, who was leading him. A terrific thunderstorm was raging, and he remarked to his brother that he should like once more to see the lightning. At that moment he saw light through his spectacles, and he remarked to his brother, "Enoch, do you see it in my glasses?" Just as he had uttered these words the thunder broke over their heads in a heavy peal, and he was again saying to his brother, "Enoch, I see light," when a piercing sonation passed from the eye to the back of the head. The pain remained a short time only, and then he told his brother that he was able to see indistinctly the objects near to him. On Wednesday, as it was reported, his sight had so far returned to him that he was able to walk about the town without a guide.

British soldiers like Captain ... are men to govern, you, your potato-planter! Now, Sir William des Voeux, "I can, I have, and I will" ...

We note that Messrs. W. Simons and Co. recently brought complete, from their yard at Remond, the patent hopper dredger *Sodega-Mari*, which is to be employed in extensive harbour improvements in Japan. The vessel has about 300 tons "hopper" capacity, and the bucket ladder is adapted to dredge to a depth of 30 feet below the water level. She is fitted with all the recent improvements for a vessel of this special type, and is a duplicate of the hopper dredger *St. George*, recently supplied by the same builders to the Admiralty in connection with the dredging operations at Portsmouth. The *Sodega-Mari* will at once be mastred and prepared for the voyage to Japan.

"MASTER" writes to a shipping contemporary:—"Is the Consul in Tamsui right in charging me fees twice because my vessel was in Keeling, Formosa, after having cleared

